

# ADAMS MCGILL RESERVOIR



## ANGLER AND FISH SURVEY INFORMATION

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**General information:** Adams McGill has a self-sustaining Largemouth Bass population as well as a put-and-take Rainbow Trout fishery. Largemouth Bass generally average 12 inches and Rainbow Trout 15 inches. Black Crappie and Black Bullhead are also found in the reservoir but in smaller numbers.

**Location:** Kirch WMA Nye County, White River Valley, 75 miles north of Alamo. Use our FishNV tool (<https://fish.wildlifenv.com/>) to find waters near you, and buy your fishing license at [ndowlicensing.com](http://ndowlicensing.com).

**Size:** The reservoir is 785 surface acres at full capacity, sits at an elevation on 5,154 feet, and has a maximum water depth of 10 feet.

**Management:** Nevada Department of Wildlife manages the fishery as a put-and-take Cold Water Fishery as well as a general warmwater fishery. Nevada Department of Wildlife manages the irrigation water right. Bureau of Land Management manages the surrounding land.

### Amenities and General Info

- Camping at Dave Deacon Campground
- Restrooms
- Improved boat ramp
- Trailers and RVs ok. No hook-ups.
- Kayaks, canoes, Jon boats recommended.

### Fishing/Boating Regulations

- The limit is fifteen warm water game fish of which not more than 10 may be Black Bass and 5 trout. April, May, and June, the Largemouth Bass limit will be five.
- The upper end (as posted) is closed to fishing between February 15 and August 15 due to waterfowl nesting.
- Vessels must be operated at speeds that leave a flat wake.

### Previous stocking

#### 2024

Rainbow 2002 9.3 inches

#### 2023

Rainbow 8330 8.8 inches.

#### 2022

Rainbow Trout were not stocked in 2022.

### Fishing notes

- Best trout fishing March-May, November, December
- Bass fishing best when water temps hit 60 degrees. April-October.
- Stripping bugger, leech, and nymph patterns work well for trout. Small jigs for crappie.
- Shallow crank baits, frogs, and soft plastic baits work well for bass.
- No shore fishing. Must be out on the water for success.

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FISHERY SURVEY DATA – 2018-2024  
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## Average size of fish in Adam's McGill Reservoir (inches)

Year	Trout	Largemouth Bass
2018	15.5	12.6
2019	18.1	12.7
2022	No data	13.5
2024	16.0	12.8

## ANGLER CATCH RATES Adam's McGill RESERVOIR

Year	fish/hour	fish/angler
2019	2.0	7.5
2022	1.8	7.3
2024	3.5	12.2

**Water level** - Water storage should be about average but could drop if current drought conditions persist. Anglers have reported great success for Rainbow Trout up to 20 inches in length. Largemouth Bass populations have responded well, but large bass are rare. Using a float tube to access deeper water areas in the lower reservoir has often yielded the largest trout. Trout fishing success generally slows significantly by mid-summer as bass fishing picks up.

### Rainbow trout

In 2024 a total of 2002 Rainbow Trout were stocked in Adam's McGill Reservoir that averaged 9.3 inches. The most common size classes of rainbow caught by anglers in 2024 were from 12"-15.9". Rainbow Trout catch rates are expected to be less than 1.0 fish per hour in 2025 due to the lower numbers stocked. The average length of a rainbow is expected to be 13"-15". Overall, the Rainbow Trout population numbers are stable but are a little harder to come by due to limited stocking numbers.

### Largemouth Bass

Largemouth Bass are the most popular sportfish in Adam's McGill Reservoir representing about 90% of the catch. In 2024, the average size of bass caught by anglers was 12.8 inches. Body condition index measurements in 2024 averaged 92.2 which is below the standard body condition index of 100 but still represents overall healthy fish. Largemouth Bass catch rates are expected to be over 1.0 fish per hour in 2025 and the average length of a bass is expected to be 12"-14". Overall, the Largemouth Bass population numbers are stable with multiple size classes present. Body condition or plumpness of bass are right at the standard index and are expected to remain healthy in 2025.